

Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 26

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. First Cup Fellowship – S.S. Hall
10:15 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Blankets – EW
4:00 p.m. Fuel For the Soul – RH
4:00 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal – MS

Tuesday, October 28

9:00 a.m. YMCA Staff Meeting – FLC CR
9:00 a.m. Church Staff Meeting – KC
9:30 a.m. Snap, Crackle, Pop – SC

Wednesday, October 29

6:30 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast – FH
12:30p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Community Assistance – Rh H
5:30 p.m. Dinner – FH
6:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Small Groups

Friday, October 31

5:30 p.m. Halloween Tailgate – Troy Lot

Sunday, November 2

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FH – Fellowship Hall
MS – Music Suite
S.S. Hall – Sunday School Hall
Rh H – Rhea House
KC – Koinonia Classroom
EW – Education Wing
RH – Rawles Hall
SC – Sellers Classroom

Tithes and offerings...

The mission and ministry of Dyersburg FUMC is now more vital than ever. Although you can bring your offerings with you to church on Sunday, you can also mail them or give online. Checks can be mailed to P.O. Box 452, Dyersburg, TN 38025, online @ <https://fumcdyersburg.com/donate>, or scan the following QR code with your phone.



Assisting in Worship...

Reverend Dr. Phillip Cook
Guest Pastor

Beth Feith
Liturgist

Thomlin Lefebvre
Cross Bearer

Olivia Caldwell
Acolytes

Presley Dishman
Director of Music

Tori Armstrong
Director of Children’s Ministry

J Dan Gullett
Visual

Steve Guttery
Audio



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
October 26, 2025

✚ Please rise in body or in spirit.
Bold words are spoken responsively.

THE GATHERING

Prelude

The Chimes

Welcome

✚ Call to Worship *Psalm 65:9-13*
You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it.
The river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.
You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.
You crown the year with your bounty; the tracks of your chariot drip with fatness.
The pastures of the wilderness overflow; the hills gird themselves with joy.
The meadows clothe themselves with flocks; the valleys deck themselves with grain; they shout and sing together for joy.
Amen. Let us worship God.

✚ Processional & Hymn of Praise
UMH 92 *For the Beauty of the Earth* *DIX*
(vv. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)

✚ Opening Prayer
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebration of Young Disciples
Children ages Birth through 2nd grade may join Mrs. Tori and Mrs. Todameka in the back of the sanctuary for Children’s Church.

Bringing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music *The Jesus Way* PHIL WICKHAM
 Presley Dishman, soloist

✠ Doxology
UMH 94 ***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Old Testament Reading 2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14 NSRV
¹Now, when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here, for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So, they went down to Bethel. ⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So, the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground. ⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” ¹⁰He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. ¹³He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water. He said, “Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah? Where is he?” He struck the water again, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha crossed over.

Response to the Word
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

✠ Hymn of Preparation
W&S 3008 *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

✠ Epistle Lesson Philippians 2:1-11 NRSV
¹If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore, God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, ¹⁰so that, at the name given to Jesus, every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Sermon *All the Way*

✠ Affirmation of Faith Apostles’ Creed
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now reverently and sincerely declare:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

✠ Gloria Patri *Glory Be to the Father* MEINEKE
UMH 70
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

✠ Invitation to Christian Discipleship

SENDING FORTH

✠ Sending Hymn *I Am Thine, O Lord* I AM THINE
UMH 419 *(vv. 1, 2, 3, 4)*

✠ Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

✠ Announcements

✠ Benediction

✠ Postlude

In the absence of Reverend Lefebvre today, we are pleased to have Reverend Dr. Phillip Cook as our guest speaker. Dr. Cook is no stranger to this congregation, having served as Associate Pastor (1976-1980) and later as Senior Pastor (2002-2010).

Persistent Faith

Persistence...What does that mean for us in worship? The fact that we gather week after week might be a part of that persistence. When we gather, few or many, week by week, we are holding fast to faith. We can celebrate that in worship. We can give God thanks for God’s divine faithfulness, even as we offer our own faithfulness.

Week after week, we pray for God’s kingdom to come and for God’s will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. And we are a part of that working of will. As we pray the Lord’s Prayer, we are signing up again to be part of the redeeming force at work, reconciling the world to God. It is a high calling, but we are up to it. Our presence attests to that. So, embrace the moment not only as you worship but also as you leave to be Christ’s representatives in the world.